

REMARKS

This Amendment, filed in reply to the Office Action dated July 26, 2005 and the Advisory Action of November 16, 2005, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 17, 19, 22-24 and 27-29 remain pending in the application. Claims 4-6, 8-12, 15-16, 18, 20-21, 25-26 and 30-31 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Because the pending claims have been deemed allowable, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Appln. No.: 09/607,921

Attorney Docket No.: Q58681

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

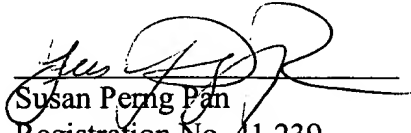
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